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Gov. Reeves issues statewide mask mandate

Delays academic school year for some counties

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Gov. Tate Reeves on Tuesday issued a state-wide mandate that Mississippians wear masks in public and an executive order to delay in-person learning for students in 7th through 12th grade in schools in eight counties, not including Hancock.

The school districts included in the order were Bolivar, Coahoma, Forrest, George, Hinds, Panola, Sunflower, and Washington.

Hancock County schools are scheduled to go back into session this Thursday, Aug. 3. The Bay-Waveland School District had originally planned to begin the new school year Thursday, but last month delayed the start of the academic year until after Labor Day.



Gov. Tate Reeves during Tuesday's press conference.

The new order applies to public schools, Reeves said, and the majority of districts will retain control over when and how to open the school year.

"These are hard times, and hard times require hard truth," Reeves said Tuesday. "We cannot and will not prevent everyone from acquiring COVID-19."

However, he said, he wants everyone to wear a mask at public gatherings for the next two weeks.

Reeves' order Tuesday also requires masks in schools for both students and teachers.

He also urged everyone to stay home whenever possible.

"If we can all just behave for the next two weeks," he said, we have an opportunity to slow the spread of the virus

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Demolition begins on SSC Gym



Photos by Joseph W. Gex II
The demolition of the Old Gym building on the campus of Saint Stanislaus College took place on Monday, August 3rd. The 97-year old building succumbed to the ravages of time and elements which was hastened by Hurricane Katrina. The building was brought down with exception of the back corner walls on Monday. The contractor will haul rubble away before bringing down the back wall and footings.



Diamondhead mourns the death of Mayor Thomas "Tommy" Schafer

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

A funeral mass has been scheduled at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian on Monday,



Mayor Thomas "Tommy" Schafer

Aug. 10, for Diamondhead Mayor Tommy Schafer, who died last week, following complications from surgery.

"It is with great sadness to inform our residents that Mayor Thomas "Tommy" E. Schafer IV passed away on Friday, July 31, 2020, for surgery complications in Louisiana," according to a statement issued Friday afternoon by Diamondhead City Manger Michael Reso. "Tommy is survived by his loving wife, Camille, and daughter Caroline."

"Tommy was elected mayor for the city of Diamondhead in 2013 and

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Work begins on Waveland's Nicholson Avenue Sidewalk Project

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In mid-July, construction started on the reconstruction of Nicholson Avenue in Waveland.

The project also includes the installation of a pedestrian pathway and bike path.

Waveland residents should be prepared for detours during the roadwork in the coming months.

It is the contractor's goal to finish the project quickly, so traffic on one of the busiest streets can return to

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Waveland's Nicholson Avenue Sidewalk project.

Photo by Jeremy Burke

Reeves extends "Safe Return" order until Aug. 17

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Gov. Tate Reeves on Thursday announced that he is extending the Safe Return order and also added an additional eight counties to the county-specific executive order to continue "combating the rising cases of COVID-19 across the state."

The social distancing mea-

sures outlined in Reeves' original Safe Return order have been extended until Monday, Aug. 17 at 8 a.m.

"We are throwing everything that we can at the hospital crisis in our state, and we are going to continue working to ensure the integrity of our health care system," Reeves said during Thursday's press conference. "I want to

underscore again: even if you do not personally fear Coronavirus, the overwhelming of the system affects everybody. If you get in a car wreck, you don't want to be treated in a tent like we saw in other parts of the country. You

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19th Amendment Celebrants march again

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Local women will march again this Saturday during the Second Saturday Art-walk in Bay St. Louis to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which afforded American women the right to vote.

“The 19th Amendment Celebrants will walk and gather again on Saturday, Aug. 8, this time in Bay St. Louis,” Ann Steinmetz, one of the organizers of the event, said. “We’ll

gather in the parking lot behind the (Main Street United) Methodist Church,” beginning at 5:30 p.m. “Then at 6 p.m., we will walk to the steps of church at Second and Main where the 1848 Declaration of the Rights of Women and the 19th Amendment will be read. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. Everyone is invited to join the celebration of 100 years of women voting.”

It’s the fifth-such march for the celebrants, who last marched on Independence Day in

Waveland.

The group will also join the Hancock County Republican Women’s Club celebration, “Winning the Vote,” which is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 5-8 p.m. at the Longfellow Community Center in downtown Bay St. Louis.

According to the HCRWC, the day’s events will begin with a meet and greet featuring food and a cash bar, as well as an opportunity to register to vote.

Parade line-up will begin at 6:30 p.m. and

the parade is set to roll-out 7 p.m. Golf carts will be allowed. The parade will finish up at the Hancock County courthouse.

All proceeds from the

event will benefit a local non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of women, Magdalene House.

To register for “Win-

ning the Vote,” go to www.hrcwomensclub.com. For more information, email hrcwomensclub@gmail.com.

Supervisors discuss proposed FY ‘21 \$24 million budget

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday discussed the county’s proposed \$24 million FY 2021 budget.

Hancock County Administrator Eddie Favre said that there is no anticipated tax increase.

- Capital projects for FY ’21 include:
- Continuation of road construction program.
- Equipment purchases.
- GOMESA drainage program.
- Bridge repairs and replacements.
- Arena project match.
- McLeod Park construction project.

- Support supplements for other governmental entities.
 - Repairs and renovations to damaged buildings and shelters.
- The proposed budget also includes a three percent raise for employees, Favre said.
- The budget also includes an anticipated increase of 10 percent for employee health insurance and five percent for building insurance, Favre said.
- Further recommendations include:
- Provide space for youth court by utilizing available space in the DHS building.
 - Provide holding cell in court house.
 - Authorize board attor-

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MSDH reports 1,074 new cases of COVID-19, 42 deaths; state issues ‘stay at home’ order for those infected

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

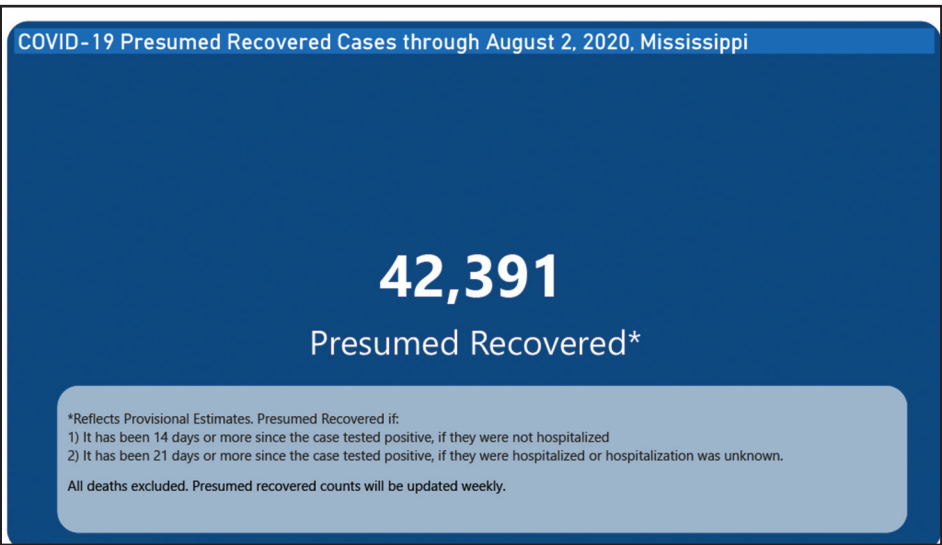
The Mississippi State Department of Health on Tuesday reported 1,074 new cases of COVID-19 in the state -- including eight new cases in Hancock County -- and 42 new deaths statewide.

“Mississippi’s total of COVID-19 cases for the year now stands at 62,199, with 1,753 deaths,” according to the agency’s statement on Tuesday.

State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs MD, MPH, on Tuesday issued a statewide order for the “Isolation of Individuals Diagnosed with COVID-19” effective immediately.

The order – issued to everyone living in Mississippi, Dobbs said – stipulates that anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 must immediately isolate at home.

“We have a lot of COVID activity throughout the state right now, so it is absolutely critical that anyone infected with COVID-19, and not hospitalized, must remain in the home or other appropriate residential location for 14 days from onset of illness (or from the date of a positive test for those who are asymptomatic),” according to Dobbs’ statement Tuesday.



“The failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is, at a minimum, a misdemeanor or punishable by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months or both. If a life-threatening disease is involved, failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both.”

Dobbs said that people infected with COVID-19 should limit exposure to household contacts.

“No visitors should be allowed in the home,” he said. “Please stay in a specific room away from others in your home. Use a separate bathroom if available. If you need to be around others in your home, you should wear a facemask. Please see [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-pre-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-pre-vent-spread.html)

[vent-spread.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-pre-vent-spread.html) for guidance on preventing transmission in the home.”

As of Tuesday, Hancock County had a reported total of 344 cases of the virus, with 14 deaths. Eight of the cases and four of the deaths occurred in long-term care facilities, MSDH said.

Also as of Tuesday, 76 new cases were reported in Harrison County, making the totals there 2,228 with 33 deaths, including 130 cases and 14 deaths in long-term care.

In Pearl River County, 11 new cases of the virus and one new death were reported Tuesday, bringing the totals to 496 cases of the virus with 37 deaths. Fifty-six of the cases and 15 of the deaths occurred in long-term care facilities.

MSDH reported 572 new cases of the virus and eight new deaths on Monday; 672 cases and

10 new deaths on Sunday; and 1,134 cases and 30 deaths on Saturday.

As of Aug. 2, MSDH estimates that 42,391 Mississippi residents who at some point had the virus have recovered.

As of July 31, 477,160 people had been tested in the state, including 81,887 by the MSDH Public Laboratory and 395,273 by other healthcare providers around Mississippi.

Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains – especially those who are older or in poor health – should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing. Healthcare providers can assess your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed.

BWSD delays school opening until Sept. 8



Echo file photo

Bay High School.

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The Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees on Wednesday voted to delay the opening of school until Tuesday, Sept. 8 for both traditional schedule and distance learning.

The district — in a release — stated that it “believes this decision is in the best interest of the health and safety of all students and staff,” based on guidance from the state’s health experts.

The decision is based on “numerous factors related to COVID-19,” the release states.

Activities governed by the Mississippi High School Activities Association will continue as scheduled, the release states.

“The situation we are currently working with is quite fluid and all plans are subject to change based on current circumstances,” BWSD Superintendent Sandra Reed said in the release. “I do not take these decisions lightly, but I am committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. I think this is one step we can take to ensure that when our children return to school they can stay in school.”



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OLA finalizes plans for students to return to classrooms



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An OLA classroom modified with COVID-19 protocols.

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Our Lady Academy finalized plans for students to return to class on Thursday, August 6 with CDC and Mississippi Department of Health guidelines and protocols to be in place.

To include precaution procedures established by the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi’s Protocol for Returning to School, the entire campus has been deep cleaned. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in all classrooms and throughout the building. All classroom desks will be sanitized after each class period and students will sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the classrooms. The traditional water fountains have been replaced with water bottle filling stations throughout the building. Face masks will be worn in the classrooms unless proper distancing is possible and required in all of the common areas, i.e. hall-

ways, church, courtyard, cafeteria, and while riding the school buses.

Before entering campus, students will have their temperature taken via no-contact thermometers. Students who ride one of the bus routes will also have their temperatures taken prior to entering the bus. Students will not be permitted to enter the campus or the buses if they have a recorded temperature of 100.4 degree or higher.

Principal Marilyn Pigott said, “As Mass is an integral component in our Catholic education and in forming intentional disciples, students will attend Mass and continue to have liturgical services. In order to conform to the social distancing protocol, a rotation of three grade levels will attend Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church while the other three grades will be able to view Mass livestream.”

Principal Pigott added, “We are looking

forward to having our students back in the classrooms. We have worked tirelessly over the summer months to modify the entire campus in order to provide our students, faculty, and staff a safe environment from the COVID virus. In the event we are required to temporarily close, we will continue to provide an outstanding Catholic education virtually to all of our students.”

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Body found in Hancock County identified as missing Picayune man

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The body that Hancock County sheriff’s deputies discovered at a hunting ground off Texas Flat Road on July 17 has been positively identified as missing Picayune man Willie Ray Jones.

Hancock County Chief Deputy Jeremy Skinner said at the time that the body was discovered while authorities assisted the Pearl River County Sheriff’s Department and Picayune Police Department in a search of the area. The body was sent to the state medical examiner’s office in Pearl for identification.

Pearl River County Coroner Derek Turnage told reporters Thursday that the remains were positively identified as Jones. The cause of death was confirmed to be multiple gunshot wounds, officials said.

Jones, 28, was last seen in Picayune on July 6. Two suspects in the case -- husband-and-wife Dustin Gray, 24, and Erica Gray, 21 -- were arrested in Colorado on July 17 on unrelated charges of possessing stolen firearms. A third suspect, Austin Brookshire, was also arrested on July 17 on a mur-

der warrant in Jones’ death.

Court records show that on July 21, Dustin Gray was charged with first-degree murder and Erica Gray was arrested for being an accessory after the fact of murder. They were extradited and arrived back in Pearl River County on Sunday. In an initial appearance in Pearl River Justice Court on Monday, Judge Donald Fail denied bond for both suspects.

Investigators said Dustin Gray told them that he and Brookshire shot Jones, and told them where they could find his body, according to an affidavit filed July 22.

Investigators are also probing the circumstances of a fire on July 14 that destroyed the Picayune office of Dustin Gray’s father, attorney Jim Gray. The fire was determined to be an arson case, and a reward for information that leads to an arrest in the case is being offered through Mississippi Coast Crime Stoppers, which can be reached at 1-877-787-5898.

Anyone with information related to Jones’ death can contact the Picayune Police Department at 601-798-7411, 601-337-6544, or 601-916-9411.

GRPC awarded DOD grant to conduct Department of Defense land use study

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The Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) has been awarded a \$350,000 Military Installation Sustainability Grant. This funding, awarded by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment, will be used to conduct a Compatible Use and Installation Resilience Study. These studies are done every few years and bring military personnel, city and county officials, and representatives from relevant industries together to increase communication, understanding and collaboration between all parties and foster more compatibility.

“The military’s presence in South Mississippi is an important factor in how we plan and develop our communities,” said John Ledbetter, Chairman

of the Gulf Regional Planning Commission Board. “Military installations have special needs that present unique considerations to the businesses and homes near them. Land Use Studies ensure that the military and civilians are working together to anticipate and address challenges and to plan communities that meet everyone’s needs.”

The most recent Joint Land Use Studies were conducted in 2017 for Keesler Air Force Base and the Naval Construction Battalion Center. The results and recommendations of both are available online at <http://keeslerjpl.us.com> and <https://seabeesjpl.us.com>. The new project will begin in August

and will continue for 18 months.

Items to be considered in the upcoming Study include:

- A military influence overlay district, which will address land use in Hancock County within NASA’s Acoustical Buffer Zone.
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (i.e., drones) flight patterns. Measures such as identifying and mapping flight corridors, establishing no-fly zones and communication about drone safety will be developed.
- Amendments

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ney to begin process of transferring responsibility of payment of the outstanding DAK Americas TIF bond to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and request that HCPHC re-

lease Hancock County’s \$1 million commitment from GOMESA funds to allow these funds to be replaced for use in the GOMESA drainage program.

The board recessed Monday’s meeting until Wed. Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. to further discuss the budget.

In other action:

- The board approved the appointment of John Lindberg to the Bayside Fire Protection District Board.
- The board approved the purchase of 20 facial recognition/TempScan tablets and accessories for the county’s buildings from AXI Education Solutions in the amount of \$43,604. The funds are reimbursable through

the CARES Act funding.

- The board awarded the request for qualifications for professional engineering/monitoring services for permanent (non-emergent) Hancock County Tropical Storm Cristobal to Compton Engineering.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Aug. 17 at 9 a.m.

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want to get the best possible care.”

The following counties have been added to the county-specific execu-

tive orders, which includes stricter social-distancing guidelines and a mask mandate: Carroll, Coahoma, Jones, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Pontotoc Counties. The order for the newly added counties goes into effect Monday, Aug. 3.

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normal, city officials said..

The project has a projected completion date of Nov.1; however inclement weather and other issues can affect the anticipated schedule.

Motorists should be prepared for detours and closures during the construction period and the contractor is required to display signage in advance of traffic changes, lane shifts, detours, and closures.

The new pathway will run down Nicholson from Jeff Davis to Highway 90.

For the project, the city is utilizing local public agency funding through MDOT administered by Gulf Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$850,000. The city’s portion is not to exceed \$170,000.

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he was re-elected for a second term in 2017. He volunteered for many boards and activities as a resident in Diamondhead prior to serving as mayor. Tommy was committed to the betterment of all residents of Diamondhead and loved serving his community. He was a tireless advocate for his city and his dedication and leadership will be greatly missed.

“In consideration for his family at this difficult time, we ask you to respect the privacy of the Schafer family. Please keep his family in your prayers.”

Schafer went to a Louisiana hospital on Tuesday, July 21, for an elective surgery. The next day, the city announced that “there were some complications and ... Tommy is in serious condition.”

Many of Schafer’s former colleagues have commented publicly on his life.

“Tommy Schafer was the first person I spoke with when I qualified for public office in 2013,” Blaine LaFontaine -- former Hancock County supervisor and former Diamondhead councilman -- said on social media. “We served

on various commissions together and shared many public and private moments over the last seven years. I have had time to reflect this past week about many of those conversations and how much we had in common such as our passion for conservation, duck hunting, and our beliefs about the role of local government. We had many vocal disagreements privately and publicly, but what I always appreciated was the next day, we moved on and respected each other. In a hyperpolitical society, we often forget respect and the ability to find common ground. Tommy always made time to ask about my family and life, and often offered advice that I will surely miss. Please keep his wife Camille and daughter Caroline in your prayers during this difficult time.”

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to Camille and Caroline,” District 3 Supervisor Kodie Koenenn -- also a former Diamondhead city councilman -- said. “Sometimes we never understand the greater plan. Thank you Tommy, for not only your leadership, but also your friendship.”

The funeral mass for Schafer is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Monday at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Father Brett Brannen officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD MISSISSIPPI

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021 on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The City of Diamondhead is now operating with projected total revenue budget of \$7,286,409 of which (45 percent) or \$3,270,140 is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$5,977,450 of that amount, (49 percent) or \$2,923,700 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to decrease ad valorem tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021 from the current fiscal year’s ad valorem tax millage rate means you will pay less in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased in 2020.

Any citizen of the City of Diamondhead is invited to attend this public hearing and City Council meeting on the proposed budget and tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

A millage rate of 29.5 will produce less revenue from ad valorem taxes as was collected for FY20. The millage rate for FY20 was 34.00.

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

Opinion

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Bloom where you are planted

I am not native to Mississippi. I am a transplant. I have been transplanted in my life a number of times, including from the Pine Tree State (Maine) to the Evergreen State (Washington). After a couple of years in Washington I was transplanted to the foreign soil of Okinawa thanks to Uncle Sam and the USAF. In 1991, I was scooped up and transplanted in the high plains of New Mexico – the Land of Enchantment, or Entrapment as many also call it. After 28 years, 2 divorces, 2 children, and a newborn granddaughter, I willingly packed my belongings into a U-Haul and moved 1000 miles away from my dry, desert home to transplant myself into the rich soil of the Magnolia State.

I don't believe I had ever seen a Magnolia blossom, but I'll never forget the beauty of the tree, covered in white blooms, that caught my eye as I drove by on the day I arrived. Beauty, sun, humidity, rain – welcome to the gulf coast of Mississippi. What more could I ask for after 28 years in the desert heat?



Staff Column
By Leslie Aube

I spent my first few months getting to know businesses in Bay St. Louis and Waveland, memorizing street names and locations so I wouldn't have to rely on my GPS – you know, like a native. One day I almost burst into tears when I found myself at the intersection of Daniel St. and Henderson St. I took a picture of the two street signs, one on top of the other, posted it on my Facebook page and tagged my deceased brother's childhood friend – Daniel Henderson. Then I smiled and felt that maybe this wasn't going to be a bad move for me after all.

For the past 28 years I had been enjoying the taste of Hatch Green Chili but now I have a passion for fresh Tuna Dip. I have tried a few different versions of charbroiled oysters, seared tuna, and, thanks to Dan Murphy of Dan B's on my 3rd day in the Bay, fresh boiled crawfish. I look forward to trying more local flavors, attending events, visiting places of interest, and meeting more people.

The decision to be transplanted isn't always our own – in my case, only the last one was – but the decision to bloom where you are planted needs to come from inside ourselves.

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Wicker Advances Public Service Initiative to Aid Coronavirus Recovery

CORPS Act Would Provide Work Opportunities and Meet Local Needs

The coronavirus pandemic began as a threat to public health, but its ripple effects have touched every area of life and created vast new needs. Food pantries need more hands on deck to stock shelves and distribute goods. Students need tutoring to make up for lost time in the classroom. And many Americans, facing a challenging job market, need employment and want to develop new skills for the future.

Americans are already hard at work addressing these challenges through their churches, nonprofits, and other local initiatives. These praiseworthy and cost-effective efforts should be multiplied through an expansion of national service opportunities. National service programs are highly effective in meeting local needs.



From the Senate
By Sen. Roger Wicker

They also save taxpayer dollars by hiring workers for limited periods of time rather than growing government. Already this year, many recent high school graduates have chosen to gain experience through national service programs because colleges remain online. Now is a great time to expand these openings.

Recently, Sen. Chris Coons and I introduced the CORPS Act to au-

thorize a significant expansion of national service opportunities. This bipartisan legislation would provide enhanced benefits to those who participate and would help meet specific community needs as we seek to recover from the pandemic. The CORPS Act has backing from over 150 organizations across the country, including Volunteer Mississippi.

CREATING NEW WORK OPPORTUNITIES

National service organizations have a long history in this country dating back to the Great Depression, when thousands of Americans joined groups like the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps. These operations played an important role in developing our public infrastructure and cultivating natural resources.

This same legacy continues today in programs like AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps, and the National Civilian Community Corps, which has a regional campus in Vicksburg. Each year, these groups enlist thousands of our citizens to help communities recover from natural disasters, provide mentorship and tutoring for at-risk youth, and much more. These organizations partner alongside the nonprofits and churches that are integral to our society.

The CORPS Act would multiply service positions over a three-year period to aid in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. It would aim to double the number of these positions in the first year from 75,000 to 150,000,

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How many new homeschoolers will we have this year?

Over the past two decades, the number of homeschoolers in Mississippi – and in America – has more than doubled as this education choice has moved from the fringes of society to a practice that is legal in every state.

But even with that growth, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, homeschoolers represent just three percent of the student population. However, that was before the coronavirus pandemic shut down more than 100,000 schools for over 55 million children last spring.

Even if it was government led with government curriculum, every family in Mississippi had a taste of homeschooling. Some sarcastically

quipped that would end homeschooling. But then polling started to tell us otherwise. Almost overnight, homeschooling fa-



Guest Column
By Brett Kittredge

vorability rose. Twenty, thirty, even forty percent said they wouldn't be sending their kids back to school in the fall.

Even the strongest ad-

vocates of homeschooling know that we won't see numbers like that, but we are all expecting a large departure from both public schools, and potentially from private schools as well. Why? There's an interesting mix of parents who feel that sending their children into a large school setting isn't safe, while another large group doesn't like the restrictions that will be coming, limiting interaction with friends, while requiring face masks in many (or perhaps all) school settings.

Fortunately, it is easy to get started homeschooling in Mississippi. For a state that has generally shown little interest in education freedom, the freedom to homeschool is broadly

supported and protected by law. The one thing a parent must do is file an annual certificate of enrollment with your local school district's school attendance officer. All you need on the form is your child's name, address, phone number, and a simple description of the program such as, "age appropriate curriculum."

When you do that, your child and you are now exempt from the state's punitive compulsory education laws. There are no requirements on curriculum or testing or who can teach. Parents, instead, have the freedom to choose the educational system, style, and setting that

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Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF

Miranda A. Shamblin, 33, contempt of court failure to appear
Henry A. Schepens, III, 35, contempt of court failure to appear
Bobby D. Payne, 50, felony possession of controlled substance
Kimberly K. Leblanc, 40, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
Kenneth W. Rolison, 33, felony possession of controlled substance; driving with suspended or revoked license
Brian E. Depreo, 42, contempt of court failure to appear
Travis J. Luxich, 28, petit larceny
Misty M. Alligood, 37, contempt of court failure to appear
Reese L. Cruz, 19, DUI first offense; careless driving
Amber E. Hill, 27, possession of paraphernalia; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Kathaleen M. Gleason, 45, felony possession of controlled substance
Theresa E. Geiyer, 36, embezzlement
Bianca D. Martin, 28, fraud bad checks: penalties/restitution
Demi M. Lafleur, 25,

contempt of court failure to appear
Dalton Sherwood, 26, felony possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; parole violation
Jesus Villalabo-Guifarro, 49, hold for ICE
Charles C. Pogue, 38, simple domestic violence simple assault
Lisa A. Vinson, 35, bench warrant
Kenny C. Vinson, 43, bench warrant
James M. Lovett, 58, contempt of court failure to appear
Clifford Mancuso, Jr., 22, contempt of court failure to appear
Robert P. Messina, Jr., 30, no tag; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle; contempt of court failure to appear
Ronnie L. Ray, 18, contempt of court failure to appear
Nathan A. Hartfield, 18, contempt of court failure to appear
Leon J. Delorette, III, 58, DUI other substance; contempt of court failure to appear
Everett L. Early, 29, contempt of court failure to appear
Lawrence A. Lizana, 25, contempt of court failure to appear; hold for other agency
Carlos A. Melgar, 23, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Christina R. Hollins-Campbell, 30, contempt of court failure to appear
Keith M. Abell, 56, seat belt violation; no insurance

Clark A. Hoda, 45, contempt of court failure to appear
Trevor J. Booth, 30, shoplifting
Tanya L. Morgan, 45, contempt of court failure to appear
Gary E. Mendoza, 43, contempt of court failure to appear
Nathan R. Lienemann, 25, contempt failure to appear x 2
Labranden T. Peoples, 30, child felonious abuse and/or battery of a child
Monica H. Moore, 53, credit card: acquisition by theft/artifice/receipt/use of anthers name
Brittani S. Vader, 23, felony possession of controlled substance
Michael A. Koerner, 19, DUI first offense; improper equipment
Glen R. Northrup, 21, contempt failure to appear
Nathan L. McCoy, 37, DUI first offense; possession of paraphernalia; speeding
Armond D. Calvert, 21, contempt failure to appear
Ashley L. Vitrano, 33, hold for other agency
Alexander Dequante, 25, hold for other agency
Gerald W. Champagne, 46, DUI other substance
Jacob W. Champagne, 20, violating order of court, contempt, punishment
Malissa L. Kern, 51, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance; driving while license suspended/revoked
Robert J. Gros, 24,

contempt failure to appear x 2
Patrick D. Daniels, 24, contempt failure to appear
Christa D. Grantham, 45, careless driving; driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance
John L. Burnett, 57, driving under influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Natalie P. Brown, 37, possession of paraphernalia
Brandon A. Whitten, 30, back for court/court order
Deven A. Townes, 19, contempt of court
Timothy L. Fairbanks, Jr., 31, parole violation
Cynthia Y. Vanpeski, 59, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Jessica G. Fick, 33, weekender
Timothy P. Tillman, 65, domestic violence simple assault
Mary G. Sellier, 49, DUI first offense; no insurance; no tag; motor vehicle requirements as to use of lights; driving while license or driving privilege cancelled
Tina Diliberto, 57, DUI first offense
Amanda M. Aucoin, 36, driving while license or driving privilege cancelled; failure to maintain insurance card
Mark A. Joshua, 29, driving under the influence or intoxicating liquor or other substance; no drivers license; no insurance
Harriet Brooks, 71,

simple assault
Angellynn C. Hyde, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Therrel E. Davis, Jr., 31, simple domestic violence simple assault
John P. Thomas, 49, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Charles M. Graham, 25, DUI first offense
Anthony F. Adamo, 49, disturbance of family indecent exposure, abusive language
Tevin A. Crawford, 23, contempt of court failure to appear
Nicholas J. Melancon, 39, disturbance of family indecent exposure, abusive language
Brook H. Escobar, 35, disorderly conduct; drunkenness/profanity in public place
Chad M. Champagne, 38, DUI first offense
Preston L. John, 30, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distrib-

ute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Holly M. Moore, 51, simple domestic violence simple assault
Arthur D. Johnson, 43, contempt of court failure to appear
John H. Gipson, 42, careless driving; driving while license or driving privilege cancelled; no insurance; failure to use turn signal; receiving stolen property
Christopher J. Schwalbach, 36, contempt failure to appear; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Wue D. Lee, 43, DUI other substance
Timothy J. Normand, II, 40, contempt of court failure to appear
Raine M. Davis, 24, controlled substance: counterfeit/to sell, barter, transfer, distribute, dispense or possess with intent x 2
Trevon S. Evans, 23, grand larceny

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works best for them and their children.
The Department of Education “recommends” parents review state curriculum guidelines and maintain a portfolio of their child’s work, thought that is not required. As opposed to following a government curriculum that tells your child what he or she must learn at what age, homeschooling allows you to let your child learn at their own pace.
That means a child who is excelling can move forward at a quicker pace, cover additional topics, or take in material at a deeper level. If a child is struggling, you can slow down, switch your teaching style, or bring in new materials. If your child has a unique interest, the world is literally at their fingertips with scores of free, on-

line training materials. Yes, YouTube is filled with funny cat videos. But it also provides a library of instruction on virtually any topic you can think of.
Thanks to today’s technology, a quick Google search can help you get more comfortable with homeschooling. There is an abundance of homeschool Facebook groups with veterans who are willing to share their ideas on getting started, curriculum, extracurricular activities, maintaining your sanity, and much more. Connection to these groups is also a venue to plan an endless variety of outings and field trips. It won’t take long to realize your child will receive as much “socialization” as you would like.
There are also options such as co-ops, where families gather together and share teaching responsibilities among parents. Similarly, we have seen the emergence of microschools this year

in which a small group of parents pool their resources together to hire a teacher.
If you’re on the fence about homeschooling, worried about what homeschool might look like in your family, or just not sure you can do it, at least take a closer look. Fill out the necessary forms, do your research, and talk with other homeschool families.
You might find what many homeschool families did long ago: Giving children time and freedom to pursue their individual interests while utilizing a curriculum consistent with the values of your family, rather than following forced government mandates created by faceless bureaucrats, tends to produce very positive results.
Brett Kittredge is the Director of Marketing & Communications of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, the state’s non-partisan, free-market think tank.

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and create 250,000 positions by the third year. Participants would receive increased tuition assistance and financial support, providing many with a more stable source of income. They would also gain valuable skills and work experience to bring to future employment.
HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES RECOVER
In a time of national distress, this legislation would advance our recovery by targeting the specific needs of cities and rural areas. It would prioritize

projects tied to COVID-19 recovery, such as public health services, education support, and food provision. And it would enable the Senior Corps to adapt to remote activity so that senior citizen participants can continue to mentor young people from a safe distance.
National service programs have a proven track record of benefiting residents. This is largely because state officials are able to direct resources to match local needs. These projects invest in citizens rather than government, and the value to communities far surpasses the cost to taxpayers. Recovering from the pandemic will require bold, creative solutions, and I hope Congress will take up the CORPS Act as it considers new relief measures.

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Obituaries

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JIM LADNER
GWENDOLYN MONTJOY
THOMAS E. SCHAFER IV, "TOMMY"
MERVIN ALLEN VICKNAIR, SR.

ROY AUSTIN CALHOUN

Roy Austin Calhoun, 52, passed away on July 25th, 2020. He was the husband of Nancy Calhoun. They shared 35 years together. Born in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He was the son of James and Mary Calhoun. He graduated from Bay High and The University of Southern Mississippi. Roy was a salesman of 30 plus years. His greatest enjoyments in life were music, his family, and his friends. He is survived by his parents James and Mary Calhoun. His wife Nancy Calhoun. His children Allison and Austin Calhoun. His best friend/sister Cheryl Calhoun Ladner and husband Jimmy Ladner Jr. His many nieces and nephews. Along with countless friends.

A private service was held. Friends were encouraged to join Facebook Live at 11 am Saturday, August 1st. At the end of the service we requested everyone to raise their glass and give a toast to a one of a kind man, Roy Austin Calhoun. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements



JIM LADNER

Jim Ladner of Ansley, Mississippi passed away Friday, July 31, 2020. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor, Mississippi starting at 10:00 a.m. and mass to begin at Noon. A graveside service will immediately follow at the Bayou LaCroix Cemetery.

Jim was born on January 26, 1936 in the Bayou LaCroix Community to the late August and Myrtle Ladner. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard for sixteen years, with four of those years being active duty, where he reached the rank of Master Sergeant. He worked for many years at Halter Marine as a pipe fitter and superintendent. Jim was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor. As an avid hunter



and fisherman, Jim was a founding member of the Gulfview Hunting Club which has been in existence for over sixty years. Another of Jim's passions was spending days on the Ladner ballfield in Ansley hosting benefits and charity events for the community.

Jim was preceded in death by the love of his life Barbara Bennett Ladner, his second wife Grace Boudro Ladner, his brothers Alton and Larry, and his great granddaughter Abigail Favre.

He is survived by his four children Jimmie Ladner Jr. (Cheryl), Kar-

en Ruhr (Roy), Connie Ruhr and Amy Ladner; his nine grandchildren Heather, Andrew, Elyse, Ashton, Chad, Allie, Hillary, Ryan and Paige; his nine great grandchildren; his siblings Myrna Bourgeois (Bill), Jeep (Rosie), Terrell, and Brenda; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Dunbar Village for the excellent care and compassion provided during these difficult times.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor or a charity of your choice.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, masks are mandatory at the church during the visitation and service. Social distancing must be maintained.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

GWENDOLYN MONTJOY

Gwen passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 31, 2020. Her loving husband, daughter, and beloved dog, Calvin were by her side.

Gwen was born in Picayune, MS, on April 18, 1939, but grew up in Poplarville, MS. She was always such a sweet and happy soul that her close friends called her 'Gwendolyn Grace', and she soon became known as 'GG'. She was the life of every party, a radiant presence everywhere she went. She was once an avid and talented tennis player, one of the top players in the state in the senior league, and a charter member of Bayou Bluff Tennis Club. She loved working in her yard, cousin reunions, a roaring fire in the fireplace, fresh cut flowers, and white Zinfandel.

She was quick to tell you that she didn't like to cook, but would gladly clean up the kitchen for anyone who did.

Gwen grew up in the Methodist Church, but when she and Paul were married on August 21, 1999, she moved to Diamondhead and became a loyal member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where you could see her every week cleaning up the church yard or changing the church billboard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Ona Mae Jenkins.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Montjoy III, daughter, Wendy Peterman (Kevin), son, Scott Waits,

grandson, Nikolas Peterman, sister, Wynona Morris, and loving nieces and cousins. Also, Paul Montjoy IV, Rea Montjoy (Betsy), Linn Montjoy, and grandchildren, Eastman, Jackson, Walker, and Kate Montjoy.

An informal family Graveside Service will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Memorial Garden, at 4:30 pm, Saturday, August 8, 2020. There will be a Celebration of Life for family and friends at a later date, when circumstances will allow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Humane Society of your choice, or St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead, MS.

The family would like to express special thanks to Encompass Hospice service, especially to Denise and Nikki, for their loving care of our Sweet GG. We couldn't have done this without you.

RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 9113 Kiln Delisle Rd., Pass Christian, MS is serving the family. An online guestbook may be signed and condolences and photos may be shared at www.riemannfamily.com.



THOMAS E. SCHAFER IV, "TOMMY"

Thomas E. Schafer IV, "Tommy", 53 years of age, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, July 31, 2020, from complications following a surgical procedure.

Tommy was preceded in death by his grandparents Doreathea Delsa Schafer and Thomas Earnest Schafer, Jr. and Mignon Nicaud Rousset and Felix Octave Rousset (MawMaw, PawPaw, Memere, and Pepere).

He is survived by his beloved wife of 24 years, Camille Theriot Schafer, and their beautiful daughter Caroline Schafer. He is also survived by his parents, Mignon and Thomas Schafer, and his sister, Mimi Odem (Danny), his brother, Michael Schafer (Christina), and seven nieces and nephews: Rosie, John Patrick, Willie, Felix, Harry, Charlie, and George. He is also survived by cousins, Greg Schafer (Liz), and their children Andrew and Charlotte; Ashley Schafer (Mark), and their child Linus. He is survived by one uncle, Timothy Schafer, and his god-mother, Sylvia Brannen, and many loving friends, cousins, and relatives.

Tommy was born on February 2, 1967, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He lived in New Orleans until 1995 when he moved to Diamondhead, MS. Tommy graduated from Christian Brothers and Jesuit High School and attended Ole Miss where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. He was an active member

of the SAE fraternity. Tommy was a devoted father and husband and always stood proud-est when he spoke of Camille and Caroline.

Tommy was knowledgeable about almost everything; if you were available to listen, he was happy to share his expertise. He had many passions such as cooking for his girls, a love for the outdoors, fishing, boating, hunting, and he truly loved his old dog, Bo IV.

Tommy was the first mayor of Diamondhead elected in 2013 and re-elected in 2017 for a second term. He was a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus where he was active and contributed time, talent, and financial support. He was a member of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian, MS where he gave his time and service. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Monday, August 10 at 1:00. Father Brett Brannen, Tommy's loving cousin, will be officiating the Mass. Visitation will be held from 11:00 to 1:00.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church are welcome.



MERVIN ALLEN VICKNAIR, SR.

Mervin Allen Vicknair, Sr., 96 years of age, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Mervin was born on September 13, 1923 to the late Henry and Gertrude Vicknair and raised in Gretna, Louisiana. He was one of four children. He serviced in the United States Air Force and retired as a Senior Master Sargent. He was a proud WWII veteran.

He was married to Verma B. Vicknair for many years until her death in 2015. Mervin was also preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Gertrude



Vicknair; brother Henry Vicknair; brother Stanley Vicknair; first wife Jean Dixon; and great-granddaughter, Keri Christine Vicknair. Mervin is survived by his sister, Shirley Hafer; children, Mervin Vicknair, Jr. (Flora); Gary Vicknair, Sr. (Crystal

"Joanie"), and 8 grandchildren, Gary Vicknair, Jr.; Penny Harper (Larry); Terry Vicknair (Josette); Connie Fulks (David); Jerry Vicknair; Sean Vicknair; Kerry Vicknair (Linda); Jamie Brenner (Brandon). He is also survived by 19 great grandchildren; a plethora of great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors was held on Monday, July 27, 2020. An additional private Memorial Service for the immediate family with be held at future date.

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Volunteers needed for Hancock County Food Pantry

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The current COVID-19 pandemic has the Hancock County Food Pantry operating only twice a week and executive director Marshall Kyger said volunteers are vital to the pantry's operations, but right now, the pantry is running low on helping hands.

The pantry needs volunteers because most of its standby volunteer crew members come from the high-risk age category and have elected to stay home, Kyger said in a previous statement.

Volunteers at the pan-

try now have minimized contact with the public since the pantry currently operates as a drive-thru service and food items are delivered to clients' vehicles.

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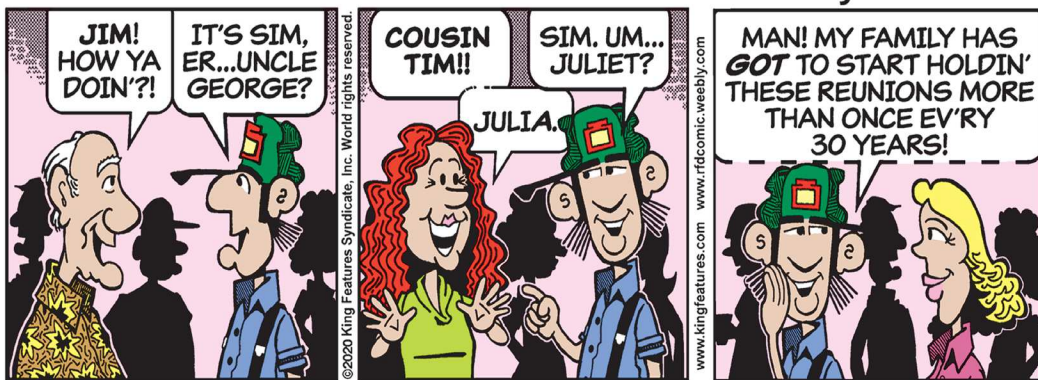
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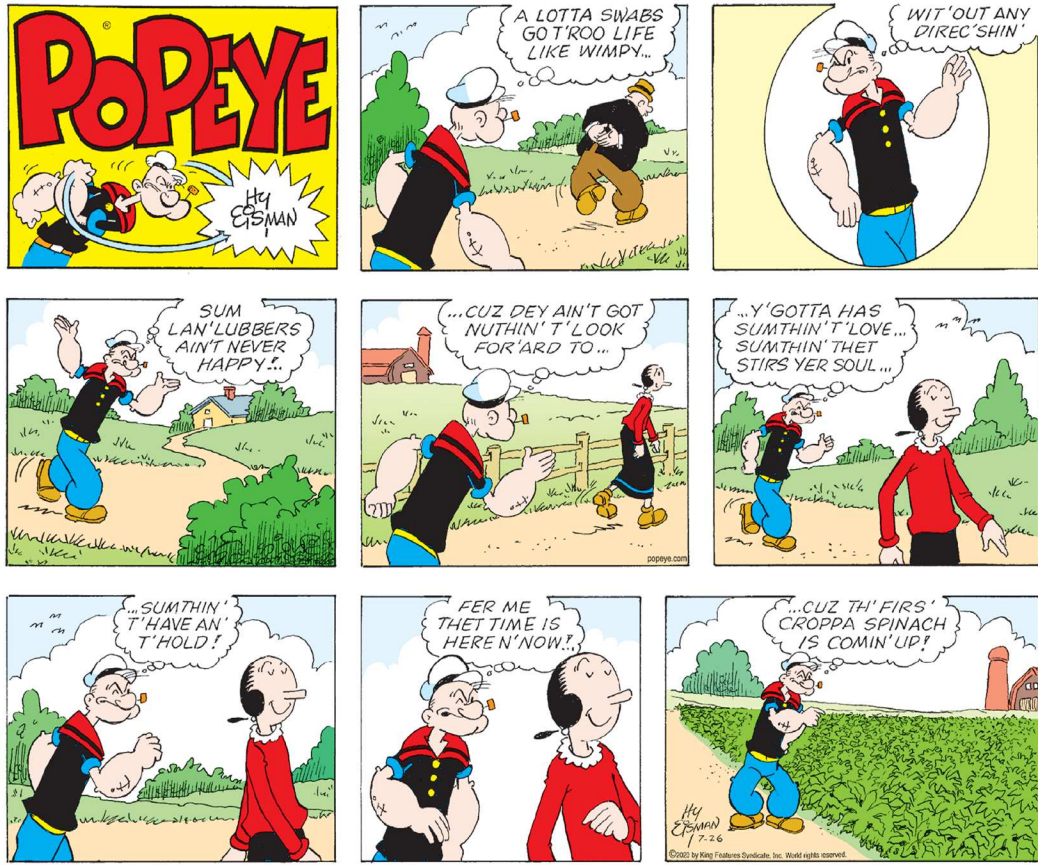
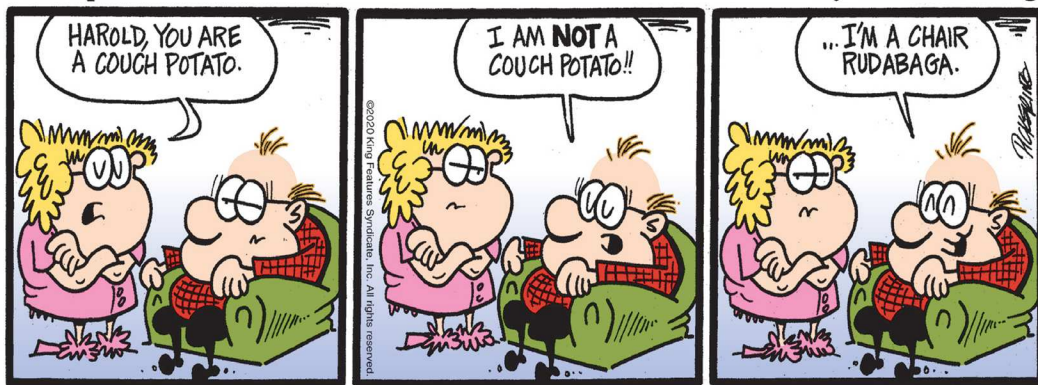
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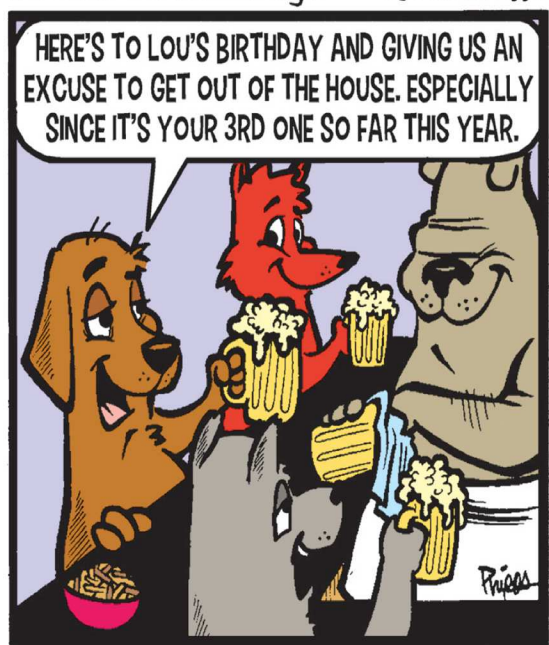
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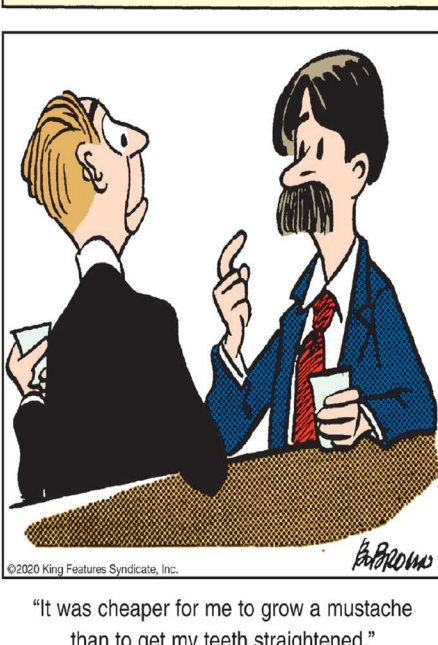
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Ahead
ENBODY

Pang
WETING

Tremor
KASHE

Beast
NIFED

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Autumn mo.
4 "— Breckinridge"
8 Drag along
12 That girl
13 Quite some time
14 Shrek is one
15 Remiss
16 Flattery
18 Eye-related
20 Marry
21 Hen pen
24 Famous
28 Flowering vine
32 Clinton veep
33 Standard
34 Billow
36 Watch chain
37 Sister of Osiris
39 Grump
41 Eighth Greek letter
43 Rip
44 Historic period
46 Healthy
50 Dairy item
55 Aye opponent
56 Heap
57 Carte
58 Conk out
59 Choir member
60 Vail gear
61 On in years

DOWN

1 Norway's capital
19 Lemieux milieu
22 Piece of work
23 1992 presidential candidate
25 Bean curd
26 Cupid's alias
27 Society newbies
28 Skewer
29 Launder
30 One of HOMES
31 Chills and fever
35 Dutch Renaissance scholar

38 Audiophile's setup
40 Expert
42 Joan of —
45 Weaponry
47 Loosen
48 Catch red-handed
49 Changed the color
50 Hot tub
51 Painter's medium
52 Last (Abbr.)
53 "A mouse!"
54 Blackbird

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

2	8		9	7	
	4			7	1
3		1			2
		9	6	5	7
	2	8			3
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Hungary?
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace given to Rose in the movie "Titanic"?
3. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy led to a spinoff series called "The Andy Griffith Show"?
4. HISTORY: The Motion Picture Association of America established modern movie ratings in which year?
5. ADVERTISING: What is the name of the rooster in the Kellogg's Cornflakes advertisements?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is spumoni?
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century poet once wrote, "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time"?
9. BIBLE: How many times did Noah send a dove from the Ark to seek land?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the clavicle?

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Golf club is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Cloud has moved. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Shrub is gone. 6. Hat is different.

King Crossword

Answers

1. Budapest
2. The Heart of the Ocean
3. "The Danny Thomas Show"
4. 1968
5. Cornelius
6. Four
7. A layered Italian ice-cream dessert
8. Sylvia Plath
9. Three
10. Collar bone

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals G

NANDY DXRT GXRGPARNRT Z MPBBXQ

QYX ZBQZID DENBPD QZAEBI:

"HYP QPZANRT XM HYP TANR."

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Beyond
2. Tinge;
3. Shake;
4. Friend

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6	4	5	3	2	7	8	1	9
3	6	7	1	8	4	9	2	5
8	7	2	4	8	5	1	6	3
1	3	6	4	9	2	5	7	8
9	6	4	5	3	2	7	8	1
4	2	1	8	6	9	5	7	3

Answer

Cryptoquip

Today's Word

1. Fresh song concerning a fellow who always smiles warmly.
2. "The Wearing of the Gm."

Devotional Page

WONDERING ABOUT PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

By GARY ANDREWS

When I was stationed in Vietnam my workplace was located close to the hospital. Even though I wasn't directly involved in the fighting I was in a critical support organization of the brave soldiers on the battlefield. I prayed and the people I worked with prayed daily for these soldiers for their safe return to base. None of us were from the same hometown however we all had one common bond and that was the Lord Jesus. I can't say I ever remember any one of them saying they didn't know the Lord or they didn't want to participate in our prayer vigils.

On many occasions I would stand on the outside of our building and watch the medivacs as they would bring the wounded in from the field. If I could see medics running out with a gurney I knew that the soldier brought in had a chance to live. If I saw the helicopter land and no one ran out, the soldier was rolled on to the ground and laid there until someone could retrieve his body.

This bothered me immensely and I would pray that this man knew Jesus and that he was in heaven singing praises to Jesus. Many times I would see the doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and others pray as these individuals came in whether they had a chance to live or they had gone on to meet our maker.

We were in a war zone and no one had problems with the name of Jesus, not one. Why is it today we have problems with our military chaplains saying the name of Jesus? Political correctness has ruined much of life because some have objected and the minority are ruling the majority. All of us need to remember who is ultimately in charge and who will have the last word and it is not the political correct politicians. I wonder what all the soldiers in the military would tell them if they asked about prayer and Jesus. Yes, I know that a few will speak up and say there is no God, or their religion doesn't recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but why does the majority not

rule anymore?

The Word of God tells us in 1 Peter 2:24, "...all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

How about you? Do you wonder about your neighbors, friends, and/or co-workers? Do you pray for them? In the world today one might tell you that there is no Jesus but if you read the Word of God you can tell them that it is the same today as it was in the early days and it has never changed and it never will. What can they tell you about their life or their belief? All of us have to stand firm and let the Lord God use us in his way and time.

Prayer: Lord thank you allowing me the opportunity to serve this great country through the military and the opportunity of serving you in my everyday life. I pray that I can be a good soldier for you and win others for your service. Amen.

SUGGESTED DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- SUNDAY** – James 5:7-11
- MONDAY** – Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
- TUESDAY** – 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
- WEDNESDAY** – Ezekiel 13:17-21
- THURSDAY** – John 8:48-51
- FRIDAY** – Psalm 102:18-28
- SATURDAY** – Mark 15:33-42

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The Community CALENDAR

AUGUST 20
• **I N - FINITY** Science Center will host the 4th annual Teacher Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. Educators are invited to come and enjoy the museum and learn about STEM opportunities for their students from a wide range of exhibitors from Mississippi and Louisiana. Food, refreshments, and lots of door prizes. Pre-registration is required to be entered to win door prizes. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/B4e1eTqw9pQsaPK-W9> Exhibitor.

AUGUST 26
• “Winning The Vote” will be held at Longfellow Community Center in

downtown Bay St. Louis from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The day’s events begin with a Meet & Greet featuring food and a cash bar as well as an opportunity to register to vote. Parade lineup will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the parade will roll promptly at 7 p.m. Golf carts are allowed to participate in the parade and all involved will parade throughout the streets with a celebration and “stomping” at the Courthouse commencing at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds garnered during “Winning The Vote” will benefit a local non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of women, Magdalene House. The event is sponsored by the Hancock County Republican Women’s Club. To register for “Winning

The Vote” please visit www.hrcwomensclub.com and for more information contact hcrwomensclub@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 12
• **M e e t** Mike Espy at the Bay St. Louis Depot from 4 to 6 p.m. Music by Greg B. Productions. Masks, chairs, and social distancing requested. Hosted by the Hancock County Federation of Democratic Women. Co-sponsors: Hancock County Democrats, Diamondhead DPI Alliance, Pass Christian Democrat Coalition, Pearl River Democrats, Waveland Helping Hands Organization, Community Wake-Up Organization, and Retrofit Community Organization.

NOVEMBER 7
• The Diamondhead Festival and BBQ Competition is set for Saturday, Nov 7, 2020. This is Veterans Day weekend, and we plan to celebrate our Vets with this event. The location is just west of the Diamondhead Marina on Airport Drive. Starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m. We are discussing having a prayer service at 10 a.m. for the Veterans before the festival starts.

NOVEMBER 13
• The Pass Christian Yacht Club will host its 24th annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 20 different shops and artists, jewelry, clothing, art, pottery, ornaments, handcrafted items, homemade entrees, and much more.

NOVEMBER 14
• The

Pass Christian Yacht Club will host its 24th annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 20 different shops and artists, jewelry, clothing, art, pottery, ornaments, handcrafted items, homemade entrees, and much more.
• The 5th annual Mermaids Arts and Crafts show will be held at the historic train depot, located at 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis. The arts and crafts show features handmade goods such as jewelry, ceramics, and woodwork from artists all over the South and beyond. Show times are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. For vendor information or to learn more, please email info@thekreweofnereids.com or visit www.mermaidartsandcraftshow.com. You can also find them on Facebook. Vendor forms and sponsor forms are available on the websites.

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NOVEMBER 15

\$80 million ‘Moonshot’ solar project approved for Hancock County

SEA COAST ECHO

At a hearing following the Public Service Commission meeting on Tuesday, Chairman Dane Maxwell drafted an order to approve an \$80 million solar project for Hancock County. “The Moonshot Solar project will serve as a reliable, cost-competitive source of renewable energy for Mississippi customers in the surrounding community for over 35 years of useful life,” Maxwell said in a press release. “I’m pleased to see this project move forward and the opportunity it presents to Hancock County. Construction of the facility at no cost to ratepayers providing significant impact to the County and power to the grid makes this is a

win all the way around.” The Moonshot project will provide direct and indirect economic benefits to the state, county, and surrounding areas in the form of taxes (sales and ad valorem), jobs, and other related impacts, Maxwell said. Construction of the facility is expected to span roughly one year and will generate approximately 300 jobs during construction, and approximately five full-time jobs over the lifetime of the project and completed facility, he said. The planned facility is a 78.5 megawatt electric generating station delivering wholesale power directly to the Mississippi Power Company/Southern Company transmission grid.

• **MANDATE**
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and ease the burden on hospitals statewide.

Dr. Thomas Dobbs -- who earlier in the day issued a “stay-at-home” order to anyone who has tested positive for the virus -- echoed Reeves’ entreaty to avoid public

gatherings over the next two weeks. Dobbs said he approaches everyone he meets as if he or she has the virus, and said everyone should do the same.

• **DOD**
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to existing local Comprehensive Plans within impacted areas to include military components. Partnership forums to foster regular and consistent coordination between the military and local communities.

A regional housing assessment, which would examine the area’s housing needs in terms of regional growth and the housing of additional military personnel.

An energy resilience and security action plan. The strength of our area and Keesler by addressing potential threats to facilities and operations

due to natural and man-made events such as power outages from natural disasters.

“We’re looking forward to getting into the work and learning all we can,” Gavin added. “We’d also like to thank the Department of Defense and our Congressional Delegation – Senators Roger Wicker and Cindy Hyde-Smith and Congressman Steven Palazzo - for their constant and enthusiastic support of the Gulf Coast’s military projects.”

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission is the oldest planning agency of its type in Mississippi, representing twelve cities and three counties. GRPC is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization. GRPC strives to catalyze action on regional issues such as transportation, housing, the environment, and development.

• **VOLUNTEERS**
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Volunteers are needed weekly during the operating hours of 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and also on Mondays and Wednesdays to pre-stage supplies for the week.

Kyger said the pantry is also in need of a volunteer to transport donated food items from a local grocer back

to the pantry on Mondays. Duties for this volunteer include picking up the donated food items, transporting them back to the pantry and unloading them into the building and then into proper storage.

The food pantry operates entirely with a volunteer crew with no paid staff. Those wishing to offer their volunteer service should contact Volunteer Coordinator Peg Walton, at 228-326-1842.

Diamondhead residents invited to community meeting to plan city’s next 20 years

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The city of Diamondhead is crafting a comprehensive plan for the next 20 years, and city officials are asking residents to offer their input this Thursday, Aug. 6 at city hall for the “Envision Diamondhead 2040” kick-off meeting. “We are starting a new comprehensive planning process,” City Manager Michael J. Reso said in a statement Tuesday. “This is the first community meeting. We will be having several small focus group meetings this week as well. We encourage residents to get involved in this important process that will direct the vision of our city into the future.” The community meeting is 6 p.m. on Thursday at City Hall Chambers. Diamondhead’s first comprehensive plan was completed in 2012 when it first incorporated as a city. “It is time to update this plan,” Reso said. “The city has hired Bob Barber with Orion Planning as our urban planner to assist in this process, which will take almost a year to

complete. The community needs to be involved and to provide their input. ... The future of Diamondhead is bright.” Part of the the updated plan includes a new “town center,” with a mixed-use commercial district. Reso said Diamondhead was award a \$1.5 million grant from Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to build roads for the new town center. The city will also host a planning and zoning meeting today, Wednesday, at 6 p.m. at city hall on the plan. Social distancing and masks will be required for Thursday’s “Envision Diamondhead 2040” meeting, and it will be live-streamed for residents who are not able to attend in person, Reso said. “We have other small group meetings all day on Thursday as well,” he said. “We are experiencing a huge demand for houses (residential developments) as well as commercial development. “This is very exciting for the future of our city.” For more, go to www.envisiondiamondhead2040.com.

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Old Town heats up for Second Saturday

BY CAITLIN BOURGEOIS

It's time once again for the Second Saturday Artwalk in Old Town Bay St. Louis this Saturday, Aug. 8, from 4-8 p.m.

In light of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases coastwide, please be mindful of social distancing and sanitation. Bring a mask this Second Saturday. Some establishments require them.

Old Town stays lively all day, with many merchants and restaurants offering specials. The pace picks up from 4 - 8pm, when gallery openings and live music keep the streets humming with activity.

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The outside of Antique Maison looks like your standard, run of the mill antique shop. With large windows and farmhouse decorated table space and large metal signs, this shop seems like a quaint place to stop in and find a cute trinket.

Enter the front doors and one would quickly realize that this sprawling shop is one that will need much more time to sort through. Antique Maison is about half a block deep, with booths full of a multitude of different interests to pique your curiosity.

Ed and Sylvia Young opened Antique Maison in 2007 after renovating the space from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. They opened their doors and invited vendors to come in and share their products with the blossoming rebirth of Bay St. Louis, leading them to still be one of the largest antique shops in Hancock County almost 13 years later.

Antique Maison will be one of the featured businesses for Second Saturday on August 8, 2020. Select vendor booths will be offering discounts on their products for those out shopping during the event.

Missy Geisel, manager of Antique Maison, noted that with 30 vendors ranging from nautical decorations to jewelry, records and more, it would be hard to not find a treasured item. "You'll have extra time to come shop and get lost in our store," said Missy. This is without a doubt.

Antique Maison will be hosting the talented Hadley Hill from 4-6pm with live music outside. If you like sweet treats, Jose Pablo Paz will be on site with his delicious baked goods – most notably, his infamous shoe soles. There will be



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strawberry lemonade to quench the thirst from another hot Mississippi day and cookies to share.

The incredible team at Antique Maison is so knowledgeable and personable, ready to help you sort through the vast selection of products offered. Be ready to shop this upcoming Second Saturday while snacking on a fresh baked goody with lively acoustic music to keep you company.

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There might be no better way to describe Bodega other than to say everything under one roof. A building that looks like it could be situated in the tropics, Bodega is flanked on one side by golf carts and the other with bicycles. Enter and you find a delicious menu and specialty drinks at the Parrot Head Bar and Grill, helmed by Chef Rickey Peters. Wander up the stairs to a boutique style yoga studio with classes held on the open-air balcony, looking over the courtyard and palm trees. A quaint liquor store is



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settled on the far side on the ground floor of the building with a friendly face ready to help you find exactly what you're hankering for.

Bodega is a one stop shop and is focused on helping you make the most of your time in Bay St. Louis. Bodega Rentals and Adventures is a large part of this effort, bringing rentals of all kinds to locals and tourists alike. Golf carts, bicycles and kayaks are just some of the options one can find available for rent at this unique business. Offering delivery to those who need it, this is the place to call if you have an adventurous spirit and need to get outdoors. Or come

on by, grab a few sandwiches from Chef Rickey, and jump in a four or six-seater golf cart to head out on the town.

Bodega Rentals and Adventures will be hosting live music from their summer music series on Second Saturday. They will have their refreshing cocktails and Chef Rickey is sure to whip up a fantastic special for all those out shopping to enjoy. Sit back and relax on their covered patio setting and soak in the ambiance of a little piece of paradise. Set up your own rental with them while you're there and enjoy a Sunday out in the fresh air, enjoying all of Old Town Bay St. Louis.



Missy Geisel, manager of Antique Maison,.

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SSC donates Old Gym goals to City of Bay St. Louis



Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Reed
Pictured left to right with the goals are Joe Gex, Aaron Dunklin, Louis Dunklin, and Ricky Lyons.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Saint Stanislaus Alumni Director Joseph W. Gex, II ('88) appeared before the Bay St. Louis City Council on August 4th as a guest of District 3 Councilman Jeffery Reed to officially donate the basketball goals from the Old Gym building that was demolished on Monday, August 3rd.

Gex thanked Councilman Reed for the invitation to speak before the council and gave a brief history of the 97-year old building that was brought down the day before.

Gex stated that the building was constructed in 1923 for the sum of \$54,000 and replaced the covered outdoor pavilion where the basketball team played from 1914-23.

While the building was never meant to be a

front facade building on the campus, it blended nicely with the architecture of the 1903 buildings.

When constructed, the building had an auditorium and gymnasium on the second floor while the first floor contained recreation rooms, two classrooms, locker room and shower facilities for teams.

In the first year of the building, the SSC basketball team placed second in the nation at the National Catholic Invitational Tournament in Chicago where the Rocks' eight-member team also claimed the Sportsmanship Trophy.

Later in its history, 'Big Jim Smith, a hulking 6'7" center who led the Rocks to the state finals in 1945 before falling to New Site, called the Old Gym home.

And, stories of the great Curtis St. Mary are still told of the won-

ders he exhibited on the second floor hardwood in the building he called home when he was named the first African-American player to the Mississippi All-Star team in 1970.

The original 1903 buildings were razed following Hurricane Camille in 1970 due to extensive damage from the storm thus making the Old Gym building a front facade of the campus bordering Union Street.

The Old Gym housed the Rocks' basketball team from 1923-1977 when the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium was built. It was also the home of the SSC Weightlifting Club and 'The Temple' where Brother Bennett Bishop founded the United States Drug-Free Powerlifting Association in the mid-1970s that helped perpetuate his philosophy "...a sound mind in a

sound body.'

Gex commented, "I have many great memories in the Old Gym. It was a place that I often found myself after lunch playing games of slaughterball under the watchful eyes of Brother Raymond. It was a place that I often took the boards for recreation when I served as a prefect at the school in the 1990s. For others, the building holds memories of games, dances, and classes. Needless to say, it is a building that echoes in the minds and hearts of many in this great city."

Before the building was taken down, the goals were cut from their iron frames and donated to the City of Bay St. Louis to be used in the refurbishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park.

Gex added, "The Brothers of the Sacred Heart and Saint Stanislaus College have always enjoyed a healthy and vibrant relationship with the City of Bay St. Louis dating back to the founding of the school in 1854. We feel this in-kind donation to the city can only strengthen the relationship between the two sides. This is an opportunity to continue to foster an ideal to provide for youth which is a bedrock principle of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the late Dr. King. We make only request with this donation which is proper designation of where the goals come from describing

their historic nature and intended use for all to see."

The goals were cut down in a group effort on Tuesday, July 28th by District Three Councilman Jeffrey Reed, SSC head basketball coach

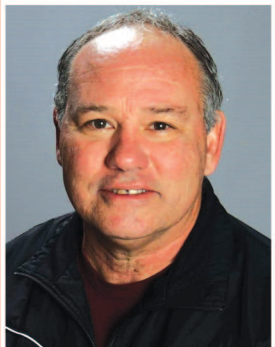
Aaron Dunklin ('00), Mr. Louis Dunklin, Mr. Ricky Lyons, and SSC Alumni Director Joe Gex ('88). The goals are currently being renovated and prepped for placement at the park.



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Gex brings Germantown to Coast for NSA championship tournament

**BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER**

Correy Gex, a native of Bay St. Louis and 1996 graduate of Saint Stanislaus, has always remained close to his hometown even though he has lived in the Memphis suburb of Germantown since he graduated from Ole Miss in 2001.

Gex, who works in the freight and shipping industry, left Bay St. Louis after a decorated three-sport career at Saint Stanislaus when he signed to play football for The University of Mississippi.

While at Ole Miss, he met his future wife, Amanda Fine, who is a decorated athlete herself. Fine was a nationally ranked softball star and signed with Ole Miss where she threw the first pitch in the program's history.

Together, they have three daughters - Josie,



Photo by Joseph W. Gex, II

SSC head baseball coach and former Mississippi State All-American Brad Corley speaks to the U-18 team about playing at the next level.

Ginny, and Joanna.

Each summer since the girls have been playing softball, Germantown has come to the Coast for a tournament. Gex serves as President of the Germantown Softball Club. This year the club sent four teams to Gulfport for the National Softball Alliance national championship tournament.

Correy Gex spent the majority of the week of July 13-19 watching the club's four teams compete while Amanda Gex coached the U-18 team that was comprised of 11 Division-I commits or signees including their oldest daughter, Josie, who has committed to Bryant University in Rhode Island.

Their middle daughter, Ginny, plays for the U-14 team and Joanna plays on the U-10 team.

The U-18 Germantown Red Devils came down on Sunday evening and Correy Gex contacted a former rival who he stays in touch with and a former team-



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3 ways parents can become more involved in their kids’ educations

The dawn of a new school year provides a host of opportunities for students and their families. Students begin a new school year with a clean slate, while their parents can look at the start of the school year as an opportunity to take active roles in their children’s education. Parents who pursue that opportunity can have a profound impact on their youngsters’ academic success.

According to an analysis from the National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools, students perform better in the classroom and enroll in more advanced classes when schools and parents work together.

1. HELP CHILDREN ESTABLISH ACADEMIC GOALS.

The National Education Association notes that the most significant type of parental involvement is what moms and dads do at home. Before a new school year begins, parents can discuss academic goals with their children.

2. FOSTER A STRONG LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME.

Numerous studies have highlighted the effects that strong home learning environments can have on students. A 2014 study published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology found that something as simple as playing games with numbers with children can improve young students’ ability to understand and work with numbers. Continuing to foster that same environment as students continue their educations is

equally beneficial. Establish quiet hours after school so kids can concentrate on their homework free from distractions. When kids ask for help, offer it promptly.

3. BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT SCHOOL.

If possible, take an active role at school as well as at home. Get involved with parent-teacher organizations and/or offer to assist with extracurricular activities. Parents also can attend board of education meetings to learn about the happenings in their children’s school district. Such meetings typically provide parents with an opportunity to comment publicly on any issues they feel are important, providing a great channel for parents to communicate directly with decision-makers.

How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anything. As veritable workhorses, they’re bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning.

While it may be tempting to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first. Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.

2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.

3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught. Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm water. If the bag should be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge or a gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI

says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.

4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.

5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will dry more quickly outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which can compromise the integrity of the fabric or discolor the backpack.

6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.

7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria. Athlete’s foot

fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a pine oil or phenolic disinfectant or a disinfectant wipe, such as Pine Sol or Spic-n-Span. Lysol brand disinfectant also can be used and is available in liquid formula or spray.

If a backpack is waterproof, only wash it once or twice per year; otherwise, you may reduce the pack’s ability to repel water. Use cleansing wipes to spot clean when necessary.

Backpacks can get grimy quickly. Routine washing can freshen them right up.

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